



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Stefan WIGGER et al.

Serial No. 09/922,948

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For: HARDENING PROTECTION
COMPOSITIONS FOR PARTIAL
CARBURIZATION OF METALLIC
COMPONENTS

Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: H. Wilkins

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26694

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is presented in view of the personal INTERVIEW between the Examiner and the undersigned, on February 15, 2005. Many thanks to the Examiner for the thoughtful and courteous interview.

Applicants filed concurrently an INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. During the interview, the Examiner searched and found two references. The two references noted on the SB/08A were developed by the Examiner during the interview. They are cited for the completeness of the record.

The Hirooka reference was the focal reference for discussion at the interview. During the interview, the Examiner searched to explain the last Example and the description at column 2 of Hiroka concerning paints. As a result of that searching, the Examiner concluded that the grounds of rejection based on Hirooka U.S. 5330813 in

combination with the two secondary references did not establish a prima facie case of obviousness of the current slate of claims.

In view of the Examiner's indication that additional search would be undertaken, we asked if the Examiner would allow the applicants to enjoy a second non-final action [rather than a final rejection], if art developed; and the Examiner committed that the next Office Action would not be a final if new art developed.

Respectfully submitted,

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